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This is a request for a ☒ continuation or ☐ divisional application under 37 CFR 1.53(d),(continued prosecution application (CPA)) of prior application number 08 / 828,417filed on March 28, 1997 entitled Speech Generating Device and Method in a Game Device and Medium for Same**NOTES**

**FILING QUALIFICATIONS:** The prior application identified above must be a nonprovisional application that is either: (1) complete as defined by 37 CFR 1.51(b), or (2) the national stage of an international application in compliance with 35 U.S.C. 371. Effective May 29, 2000, a CPA may only be filed in a utility or a plant application if the prior nonprovisional application was filed before May 29, 2000. A CPA may be filed in a design application regardless of the filing date of the prior application. See "Request for Continued Examination Practice changes to and Provisional Application Practice," Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office (Apr. 11, 2000).

**C-I-P NOT PERMITTED:** A continuation-in-part application cannot be filed as a CPA under 37 CFR 1.53(d), but must be filed under 37 CFR 1.53(b).

**EXPRESS ABANDONMENT OF PRIOR APPLICATION:** The filing of this CPA is a request to expressly abandon the prior application as of the filing date of the request for a CPA. 37 CFR 1.53(b) must be used to file a continuation, divisional, or continuation-in-part of an application that is not to be abandoned.

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Reduction by 50% for filing by small entity (Note 37 CFR 1.27).				N/A	
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6. ☐ Small entity status: Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. Not applicable.

7. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit overpayments or charge the following fees to

Deposit Account No. 10 - 0100a. ☐ Fees required under 37 CFR 1.16.b. ☐ Fees required under 37 CFR 1.17.c. ☐ Fees required under 37 CFR 1.18.8. ☒ A check in the amount of \$ 710.00 is enclosed.9. ☐ Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.10. ☐ Applicant requests suspension of action under 37 CFR 1.103(b) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months (not to exceed 3 months) and the fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) is enclosed.11. ☐ New Attorney Docket Number, if desired \_\_\_\_\_

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March 5, 2001



RE: U.S. Continuing Prosecution Patent Application (CPA) of  
Murasaki et al.  
For: Speech Generating Device and Method in a Game Device and  
Medium for Same

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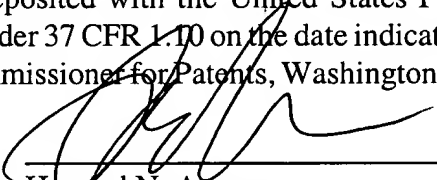
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